

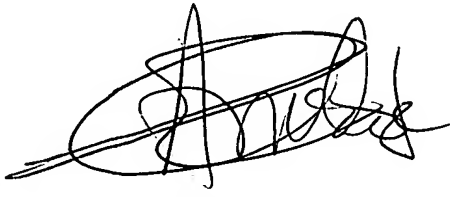
**REMARKS**

Applicants have canceled claims 1-21 and have replaced the canceled claims with claims 22-43 amended to conform to U.S. formalities. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

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